

ISAC Meeting – March 7 & 8, 2013

ACTION OR INFORMATION ITEM

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TOPIC: DOI/USFWS efforts to revise Lacey Act to prevent animal introductions

SPEAKER (Name/Email): Need to identify someone who can speak with authority

1. DESCRIPTION OF AGENDA ITEM: Since the beginning of the Obama administration in early 2013, the Secretary of the Interior's office has maintained that preventing the introduction of invasive animal species is a high priority. Yet little has been shared with NISC about their progress and the Administration has not put forward new legislation or a new framework for addressing the issue, despite assurances that DOI/USFWS is working on this issue. DOI/USFWS will present on their progress thus far (summarizing the last four years of effort), outline what they intend to accomplish in the 2nd term of the Obama administration, and provide a timeline for milestones that will demonstrate that the Administration remains committed to implementing a successful framework to stop the largely unfettered flow of animal species into the United States (like USDA has accomplished for plants).

2. WHY IS THIS ITEM IMPORTANT TO NISC / ISAC? HOW IS IT RELATED TO THE NATIONAL INVASIVE SPECIES MANAGEMENT PLAN? Prevention is one of the highest priorities identified by NISC as part of the national invasive species management plan. While the USDA has made progress in adopting a regulatory framework that addresses the realities of today's primary vectors of plants and plant pathogens, DOI/USFWS has failed to do so with respect to the current pathways of animal introduction over which they have primary jurisdiction. At ISAC's last meeting in December 2011, a USFWS/DOI official insisted that they were making progress but failed to provide any meaningful information to provide an insight into their work. More than one year later, still no meaningful information has been provided to ISAC.

3. PREVIOUS ACTIONS TAKEN BY NISC / ISAC ON THIS ITEM: None?

4. ACTION REQUESTED OF NISC / ISAC: DOI/USFWS decision-making official will attend the March 2013 ISAC meeting to provide a detailed understanding of their progress over the last four years to address the prevention and introduction of invasive animal species and outline what we can expect from the Federal government during a second Obama administration.

5. ALTERNATIVES: None.

6. ATTACHMENTS: